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Slum Clearance

THE Reform Club have made a commendably detailed investigation into the problem of slum clearance in this Colony, though one is left with the feeling that the report could have been presented in a way that would win wider support. It is difficult for a political group of this kind to avoid entangling facts with its feelings about unscrupulous landlords. Any scheme of this kind requires the co-operation of both, as the report admits, but today's Press statement appears to be aimed over the heads of landlords, at Government and the exploited subtenant.

Doubtless the latter will agree with its proposals. Government may be interested but it is to be hoped that when the time comes to make its own inquiries, it will proceed on lines calculated to win the widest support possible and not to antagonise or alienate those with whom a large part of the success of such a scheme must rest. One of the first needs is to define the word slum before any attempt at clearance is made.

The Oxford dictionary gives it as "dirty back street or court or alley in a city". Webster's comes nearer the point: "A thickly populated street or alley, especially one marked by squalor, wretched living conditions or the degradation of the inhabitants." Plainly either could apply to very large areas of this Colony. Therefore an even more detailed definition must be sought and plans worked out for a phased clearance, related to financial and material resources available.

Here the most commendable suggestion made by the Reform Club recommends itself—an investigation of the average density of tenants in various areas. It is not clear whether investigations into present average rents are intended to establish stabilized rent in existing slums or in replacement structures but a report on this aspect would be valuable in view of the lack of basic facts and figures.

The Reform Club's initiative and its constant attention to living conditions deserve high marks. But a thoroughly impartial approach to this question is needed taking into consideration all interests involved. Government should receive representations from all concerned but its own views will earn most attention in the final consideration.

Free Peoples'  
Horror And  
Revulsion

Augusta, Dec. 9. President Eisenhower said today that "the recent outbreak of brutality in Hungary has moved free peoples everywhere to reactions of horror and revulsion."

In a statement issued here on the occasion of the Human Rights Day celebrations on Monday, President said, referring to Hungary: "Our hearts are filled with sorrow. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the courageous liberty-loving people of Hungary."

"The terror imposed upon Hungary repudiates and negates almost every article in the declaration of human rights. It denies that men are born free and equal in dignity and rights."

"The courage and sacrifices of the brave Hungarian people have consecrated that spirit anew. We shall continue to offer shelter to the homeless as we shall go on feeding the hungry, and providing medicine and care for the sick."

Human Rights Day commemorates the 4th anniversary of the ratification of the United Nations Human Rights Charter.—France-Press.

Seeks Treasure

Penang, Dec. 9. Captain W. J. Havers, a retired British mining engineer, arrived from England today in a motor fishing boat on the way to look for three million pounds sterling worth of sunken gold near Auckland, New Zealand.

Captain Havers said the gold lay many fathoms down in a Boston clipper, General Grant, which sank in 1866 off Auckland. "I know where the old clipper and I am confident I can locate it," he said.—Reuter.

SHIP AGROUND

Los Vilos, Chile, Dec. 9. The US passenger-freighter Seafarer was aground off this central Chilean port today after an accident which flooded two of its holds but caused no casualties among passengers or crew.

The captain of the Pope and Talbot ship ran it aground after it hit a rock near the entrance to Los Vilos harbour. The Seafarer was on the way from Buenos Aires to San Francisco at the time of the accident.—United Press.

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MARTIAL LAW: WORKERS  
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Govt Reports New Clashes

Vienna, Dec. 9.

Hungary's Communist Government tonight declared martial law and outlawed regional workers' councils in a drastic attempt to cut short a new armed revolt.

The martial law was to take effect at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. The announcement said it was necessary because armed "provocations" were again erupting all over Hungary.

It said the Central Budapest and other regional workers were declared "ex lege" (outside the law) because they were attempting to take over the Central Government.

The government charged "counter-revolutionaries" had taken over control of the regional workers' councils.

Workers' councils carrying out strictly administrative functions in individual factories were to be allowed to remain. But factory managers were ordered to carry out a drastic purge of "counter-revolutionaries" inside them.

The Presidential Council communiqué also said criminal courts would get special powers to help military courts judge such crimes as "armed action," homicide and looting.

The martial law affects the following crimes: murder, arson, robbery, pillaging, destroying and damaging of public property, and the attempt of these crimes and the possession of arms without permission.

All persons who are in the possession of arms and ammunition must hand them over to the police by 9 p.m. on Dec. 11. All who deliver arms will not be punished, the announcement said.

Court Martial

All persons who know of these "crimes" and fail to inform the police will be also tried by court martial, it said.

The declaration of martial law will be published by radio, the press and by posters. Military tribunals will be formed, but the government has the right to delegate other courts.

The government's communiqué, broadcast by Budapest radio at 8 p.m., climaxed a day in which communications between Budapest and the outside world were severed.

Western correspondents managed only to get out the news that the Central Workers' Council of Greater Budapest had called a new 48-hour general strike before the silence came.

The strike was called to start either at midnight tonight or tonight tomorrow, according to varying reports.

In making its announcement the government revealed that "several persons were killed and injured" in a clash yesterday at Salgotarjan, on the Czech-Hungarian border northeast of Budapest.

Govt's Claim

The government claimed provocateurs "forced" loyal workers to demonstrate and then showed them down with machine guns and hand grenades. The government implied the provocateurs were trying to put the blame for the massacre on the government.

"Similar provocations were engineered at Tatabanya (coal-mining centre west of Budapest) and at Bekescsaba and Battonya in southern Hungary," the communiqué said.

Provocateurs planned a similar massacre of the women who demonstrated on Tuesday in Budapest, the government claimed.

The executive intervened and discovered that a machine gun had been set up on the roof of the Supreme Court building with the object of staging a bloodbath among the women and then blaming it on the government," the communiqué said.

The women's demonstration the communiqué referred to was not the main one at the unknown soldier's tomb.

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The "Reasons"

The government declaration giving the reasons for the declaration of martial law said: "Although the Hungarian Government since November 4

has been isolating the counter-revolution to restate peace and order and obtain a resumption of work, the tough attitude of the police has caused anger in the ranks of the counter-revolutionaries and they have not given up their dirty exploits.

"They have made new attempts to start an armed uprising and have been spreading rumours and distributing appeals for a new strike.

"On December 4 a women's demonstration was organized. Some 100 persons broke through to Kossuth Square. The executive intervened and discovered that a machine gun had been set up on the roof of the Supreme Court building with the object of staging a bloodbath among the women and then blaming it on the government.

"Such an attempt at provocation by the counter-revolutionaries was partly successful. They seized the Czech-Hungarian border northeast of Budapest on December 8.

"There a provocation was organized to free two persons who were arrested earlier. The provocateurs managed to force the workers to leave the factories and take part in the demonstration.

The provocateurs opened fire on the demonstrators with machine guns and machine pistols and threw hand grenades.

UN Move To Condemn  
Soviet Intervention

United Nations, Dec. 9.

The United States and a group of 14 other countries today submitted to the United Nations General Assembly a resolution, condemning the Soviet Government for using its armed forces against the Hungarian people and having deprived Hungary of its freedom and independence.

The resolution will be considered in the General Assembly session, which is meeting on Monday morning to debate the Hungarian question.

The resolution reiterates its appeal to the Soviet Government to stop at once any form of intervention in Hungary's internal affairs.

It requests the Soviet Government to take steps immediately for the withdrawal of its armed forces from Hungary, under United Nations control, and to allow the re-establishment of Hungary's political independence. The resolution, proposed by 15 countries, including the United States, expresses the Assembly's

Resolution's 4 Clauses

The resolution contained four clauses: 1. The General Assembly declares that in using its armed forces against the Hungarian people, the government of the Soviet Union is violating the political independence of Hungary.

2. The General Assembly condemns the violation of the United Nations charter by the Soviet Government through its action in depriving Hungary of its freedom and its independence and the Hungarian people of the exercise of their fundamental rights.

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Death-Trap Roads

14 KILLED  
IN CAR  
SKIDS

Chicago, Dec. 9.

A treacherous coating of ice and snow accounted for numerous highway accidents from the Texas panhandle to New England today.

At least 14 persons died when cars in which they were travelling slipped on glazed roads.

Near Moose, Wyoming, a family of six drowned when their car slipped off a snow-packed highway, crashed through a bridge railing and plunged into the ice-covered Snake River.

The bodies of Albert Oakley, 40, of Casper, Wyoming, his wife and four children were found inside the car when it was pulled from the water by grappling hooks.

Meanwhile, weathermen warned that temperatures would tumble during the night as another blast of cold Arctic air moves across Northern borders and spread more snow through the Great Lakes region as far South as Ohio.

Rain accompanied the leading edge of today's cold air across Alabama and Georgia, leaving only Florida clinging to summery 80-degree weather.—United Press.

Rescue Of  
Oil-Trapped  
Swans Goes On

London, Dec. 9. The great award roundup continues on the Thames River today with some 300 of the big birds still helplessly afloat with oil-clogged wings.

A barge sank off the British railway wharf yesterday morning, releasing more than 200 tons of thick oil.

Swans stuck in the film were blinded, choked or paralysed by the gummy stuff.

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Divorced From  
Moscow

New York, Dec. 9.

The US Communist Party Politburo drafted a new constitution today, declaring the Party's independence from Moscow and ordering new infiltrations of labour unions and negro organisations.

The draft, to be submitted to the Party's 16th national convention here in February, said it was the "duty" of Party members to join labour unions and wage all-out battle against racial and religious discrimination.

It gave Party members the "right" to disagree with any Party policy—after the policy is adopted and as long as it is obeyed.

The Politburo decreed that the Party should be reorganised on a "club" basis, instead of the old top-secret cells, with applicants 18 years of age or older elected to membership. Expulsion was ordered for any like breaker, spy or traitor or any persons conspiring to "subvert, undermine, weaken or overthrow any or all institutions of American democracy."—United Press.

London, Dec. 9. Mrs Caroline Beale, the oldest woman in the United Kingdom, died tonight three weeks before her 108th birthday.

Mrs Beale died at her home in Wallington, Surrey.—France-Press.

WEDDING GUESTS POISONED

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

A happy wedding celebration ceremony was broken-up here late tonight when 35 guests were removed to a Fukushima, northern Japan, hospital shortly after eating poisoned celebration rice cakes.

A police spokesman said a couple had just been united in holy matrimony by a Buddhist priest when 35 guests at the wedding ceremony who had eaten traditional wedding rice cakes fell unwillingly to the floor.

The ceremony broke up in confusion and a doctor had to be called. The diagnosis was "poisoning."

Ambulances were called and the 35 guests, including the bride's parents, were sent to hospital. The police spokesman said tonight three of the guests had been placed on the danger list.—Reuter.

NOT ALL THE PARTY  
BOYS ARE FOOLED

Rome, Dec. 9.

Mrs Ekaterina Furtseva, leader of the Soviet delegation to the congress of the Italian Communist Party, won applause from the congress today for her defence of the Soviet Union's actions in Hungary.

But applause was more hesitant for two Italian delegates who defied the firmly pro-Soviet attitude taken by the Party leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti in his key-note speech last night.

The two delegates clearly indicated that they did not believe that the Hungarian uprising was due to "Fascist reactionaries and counter-revolutionaries."

Mrs Furtseva, the only woman member of the Soviet Presidium and reputedly a close friend of the Soviet Communist Party Secretary, Mr Khrushchev, told the congress:

"The Soviet Union, profoundly devoted to peace and national independence, responded to the appeal of the Hungarian government in order to help it on the way to Fascism, to the restoration of Horthyism."

RULERS' ERRORS

One of the speakers, who defied the Party line was Pietro Ingrao, a member of the Party's Politbureau and editor of the main edition of the Party newspaper.

He attributed the Hungarian revolt solely to the errors of the country's Communist rulers.

The other was Valerio Bertini, who spoke for the workers of an engineering plant near Florence. He said: "Our workers have been profoundly shaken by the news that has reached us in recent months about the social organisations and the methods of government in the Socialist countries."

He added that the workers in his plant condemned "the uncritical and sycophantic attitude of the Italian Communist press."

A dozen other speakers scrupulously followed the Party line, most of them admitting that Hungarian and Polish events had created confusion in the ranks of the Party but adding that this had now been swept away.—Reuter.

Treaty Ratified

London, Dec. 9.

The Soviet Presidium has ratified the Soviet-Japanese agreement on trade and relations, signed in Moscow on October 19—Moscow radio reported tonight.

The repatriation of Japanese held in Russia since the end of the war is expected to be the first tangible result of the ratification of the agreement.—Reuter.

FREIGHT CHARGES HIKE FORECAST

London, Dec. 9.

British shipping circles were expecting before the end of the year an announcement that the shipping lines linking Britain with the Far East would raise freight rates from 10 to 15 per cent, added to the 15 per cent rise announced a month ago, the Financial Times reported today.

The first hike in rates was to cover the extra cost of ship travel around the Cape of Good Hope. The new rise would cover the general increase in operational costs during the past month, the newspaper said.—France-Press.

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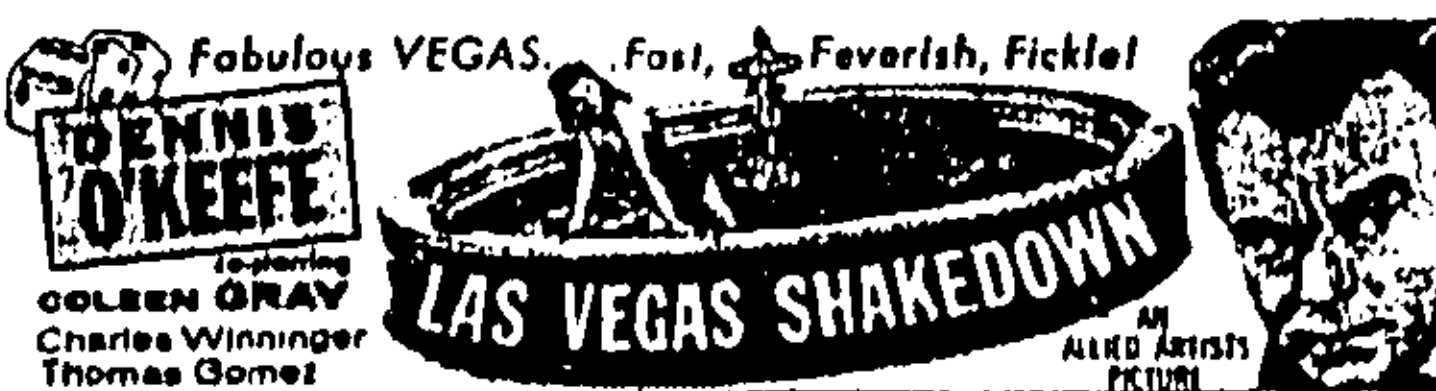


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# NATO DEFENCES REAPPRAISAL

## Lessons Learned From Suez Canal Expedition

London, Dec. 9.

British ministers at the NATO Council meeting in Paris this week will review future military plans of the Western Alliance, in a mood deeply conscious of the need for a reappraisal of Britain's defence effort, according to a usually well informed source here.

This source said that no formal decision had been taken by the British Cabinet to cut Britain's arms expenditure. But it is widely expected that such a decision will have to be faced after the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, returns to Britain from his Jamaica rest cure in the middle of the month.

Britain's current annual defence expenditure is running at the rate of about £1,500 million sterling—roughly one-third of the national budget.

### Four Factors

Factors affecting the British approach to the problem are understood here to be:

1. The need for economic results from the Suez crisis.
2. Disappointment with the progress so far with the German defence contribution to NATO and the Western European Union, believed here to be heavily behind schedule.
3. Belief that there has been a switch in world Communist tactics from direct military pressure to internal subversion.
4. Appreciation of the military consequences of the existence of thermonuclear weapons.

British sources said here today that the Government had not yet drawn the explicit consequences in terms of defence policy from these factors. These are likely to be formulated following the forthcoming NATO debates.

### Vital Aspect

Britain is represented by three Cabinet Ministers, the Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Harold Macmillan, and the Minister of Defence, Mr Anthony Head, at the NATO talks.

On the side, it is hoped here that opportunities will emerge

for frank talks between Mr Lloyd and the French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, with the United States Secretary of State, Mr Foster Dulles. There, it is thought here, may provide a first step toward closing the gap in the Western defence caused by the Anglo-French Suez intervention.

A vital aspect of the NATO talks is seen here as being the debate on current Soviet tactics and policy. This is expected to cover both the stresses and strains apparent in Soviet attempts to retain control of Hungary and Eastern Europe, and reports of Communist penetration in the Middle East.

Following the recent Anglo-Turkish talks in London, the Turkish delegation to NATO is believed in usually well informed quarters here to be likely to raise the threat to NATO's flank represented by Communist arms deliveries to Syria.

### Bagdad Pact

Turkey will be the host power at a further meeting of representatives of the four Muslim members of the Bagdad pact in Ankara on December 15, immediately after the Paris talks.

The Belgian Foreign Minister, M. Paul-Henri Spaak, who arrived in Paris to lead the Belgian delegation to the Atlantic pact talks, refused to comment on the report that he is expected to succeed Britain's Lord Ismay as Secretary-General of NATO.

"I have not received any concrete proposals," he said. "When and if it comes, it is up to my government to decide."

It is no secret here that Lord Ismay, who has held this post for five years, intends to retire in 1957.

A Belgian NATO source said tonight: "M. Spaak's nomination seems cut and dried."—China Mail Special & Reuter.

## Winston's Birthday



Sir Winston and Lady Churchill at the window of their Hyde Park Gate home, with one of their grand-children, a daughter of Randolph Churchill. Picture was taken during the family luncheon party to celebrate the elder statesman's 82nd birthday.—Central Press Photo.

## Rehabilitated Poles In Demand For Parliament

Warsaw, Dec. 9.

Mr Wladyslaw Gomulka, the Polish Communist leader, is—as was to be expected—the most popular candidate for the January elections to the Sejm (Parliament).

Many Warsaw factories and social organisations are putting forward his name. The coordinating committee of political parties and social organisations, went him as one of the 17 members to represent the city and suburbs.

Military leaders like General Marian Spychalski, the new Minister of Defence—once in prison and lately "rehabilitated" like Gomulka—are in great demand.

### Strike Scene

So are men who have caught the public's attention for various reasons, among these are Gudzika, secretary of the big Geron car factory and Hry-niewicz, designer of the imposing new sports stadium in Warsaw.

First in the field to ask for Gomulka as their candidate were the men of Cegielni works at Poznan—formerly known as the "Zispa" (Stalin) works—scene of the strikers' demonstration which sparked off the riots last June.

At Katowice, formerly known as Stalinozgrad and now back again under its old name, a mass meeting of Silesian workers at Dziedzinski rolling mills (named after a Pole who became chief of the Russian secret police) has unanimously proposed the candidature of Mr Aleksander Zawadzki.

A former miner, he now holds the highest post in the nation—President of the Council of Ministers.

Youth organisations in Silesia favour Mr Edward Ochab, a member of the Politburo, and Gomulka's predecessor as First Secretary of the United Workers' Party.

### Laid Down

Some speakers have said they regard him as one of those who did much to ensure the victory of the "true line of the party" laid down at the last plenum.

This was the meeting which re-elected Mr Gomulka to the top party post—and which was interrupted by a sudden visit from the Soviet leaders.—China Mail Special

## Press Against Trial Of Yugoslav

Zurich, Dec. 9.

The International Press Institute's executive board today endorsed a protest against the arrest and forthcoming trial of Mr Milovan Djilas, a former Yugoslav Vice-President.

Mr Djilas was arrested in Belgrade last month on a charge of spreading propaganda hostile to Yugoslavia in the foreign press shortly after one of his articles appeared in an American magazine.

The protest, laid before the board by the Institute's American Committee, concerned the article in which Mr Djilas hailed the Hungarian revolution as the beginning of the end for communism.

Mr Djilas, a former Yugoslav Communist Party Politburo member, received in January 1955 a suspended sentence of 18 months on the same charge.

The Belgrade district court is now investigating charges against Mr Djilas who is reported to be still under arrest.—France-Press.

## DUKE SPENDS DAY ON BEACH

Melbourne, Dec. 9.  
The Duke of Edinburgh, after morning divine service on the open deck of the Royal Yacht Britannia, today spent one of the most informal days of his Australian tour.

Dressed in a blue blazer and sports slacks, he drove his car along a highway crowded with holiday-makers to Portsea, 60 miles south of Melbourne, where he laced with friends at an ocean beach.—Reuter.

## Pakistan Policy Explained

Dacca, Dec. 9.

Pakistani Premier, H.S. Suhrawardy, today explained the reasons for Pakistan's entry into "defence pacts" with other nations.

Speaking before university students at Dacca, Suhrawardy said that while Pakistan was pledged to maintain and promote peace with its neighbours—he mentioned India in particular—a country's foreign policy should be based on practical and realistic considerations and not on sentimental or emotional reasons.—France-Press.

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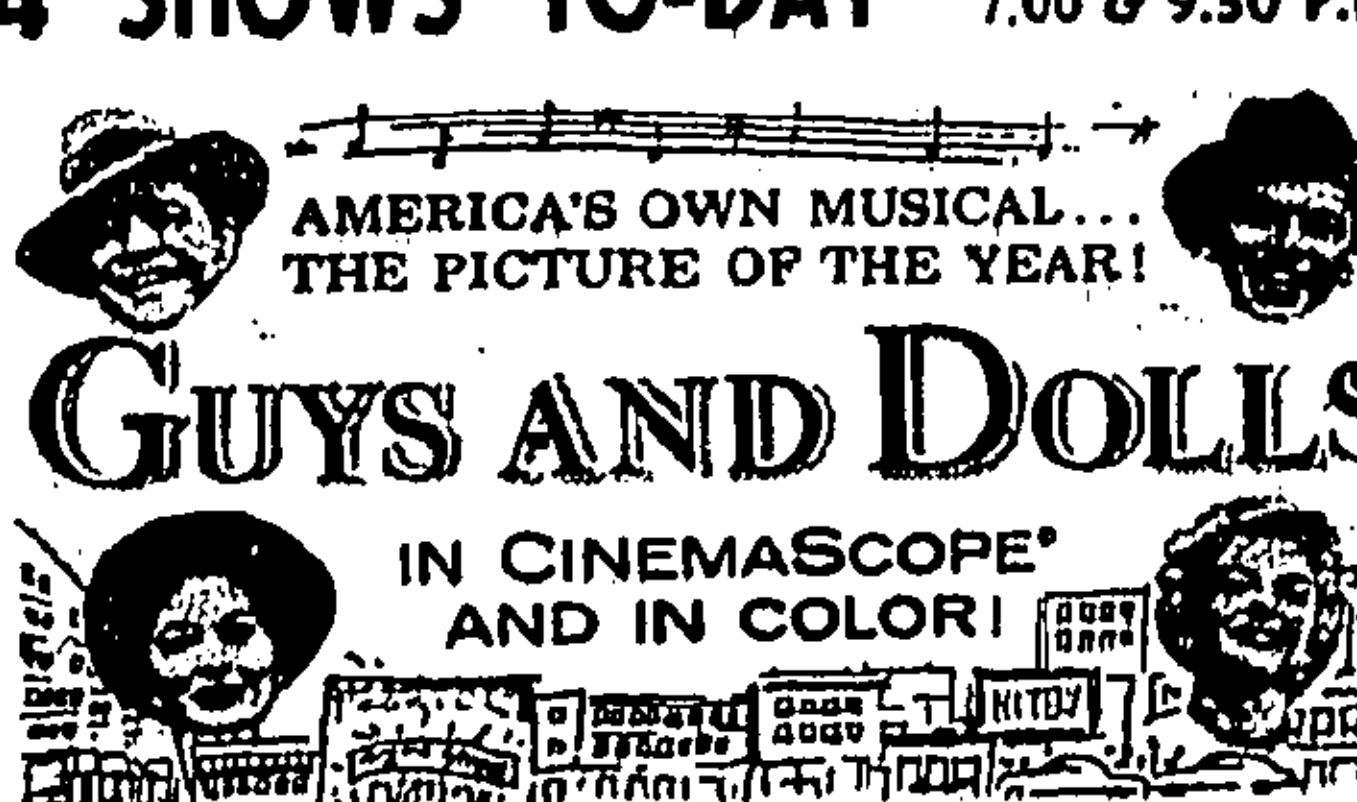
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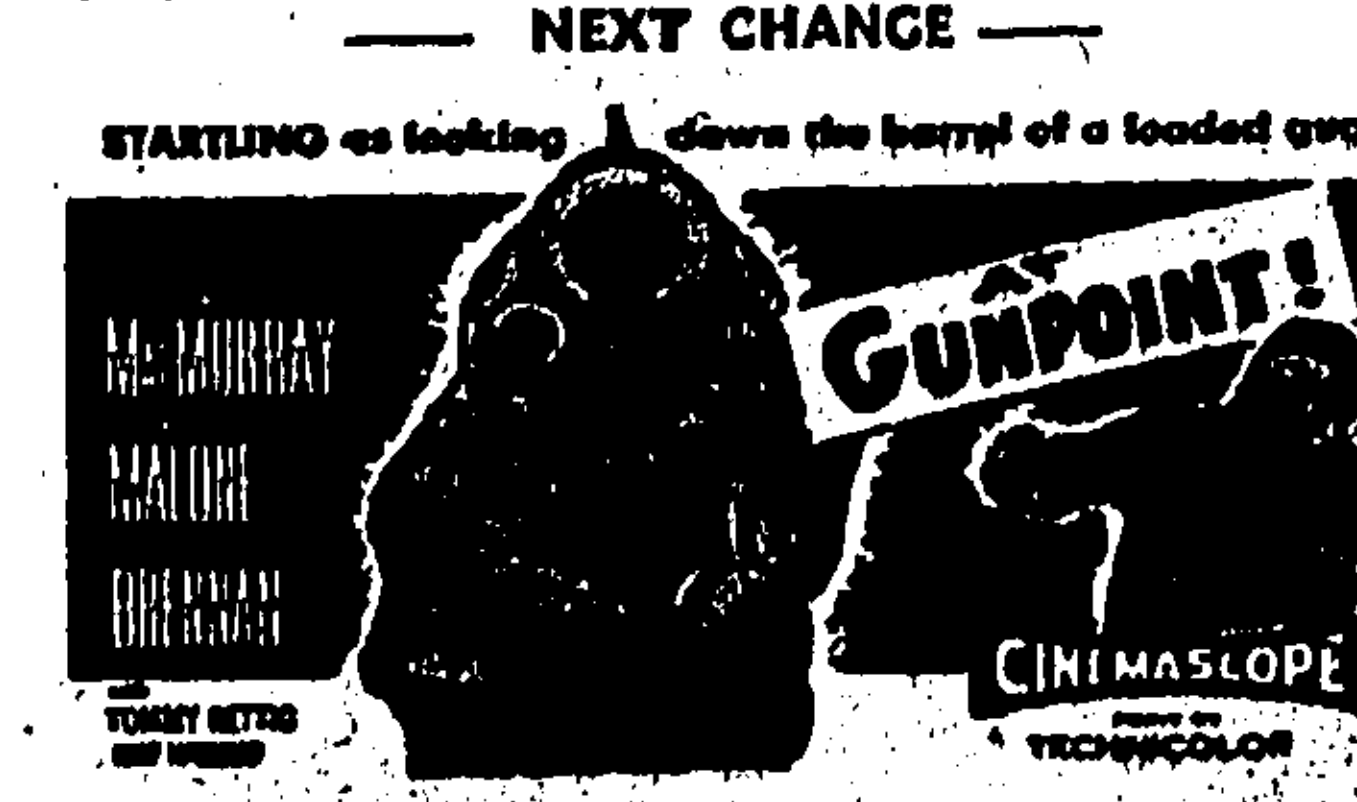
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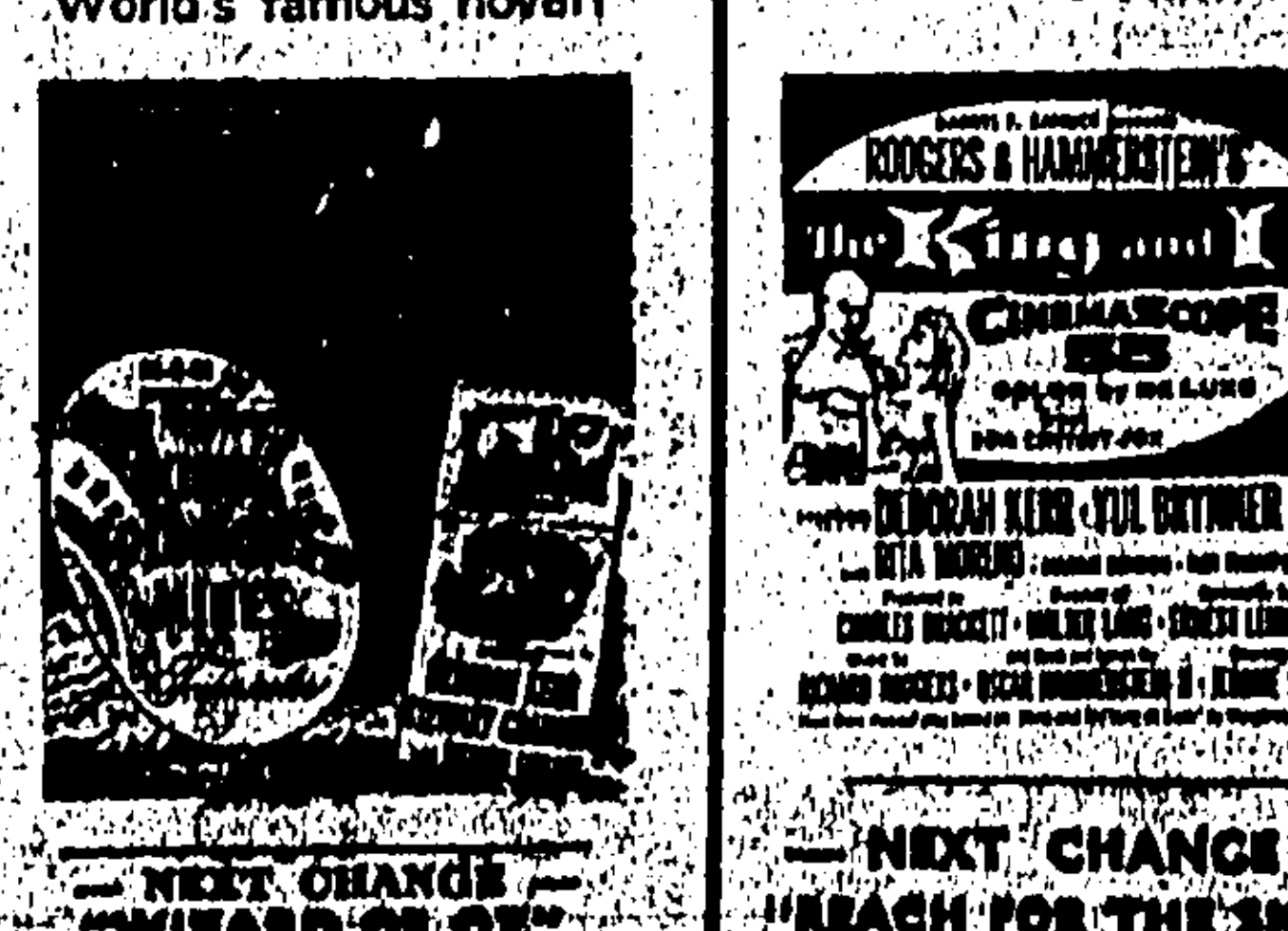
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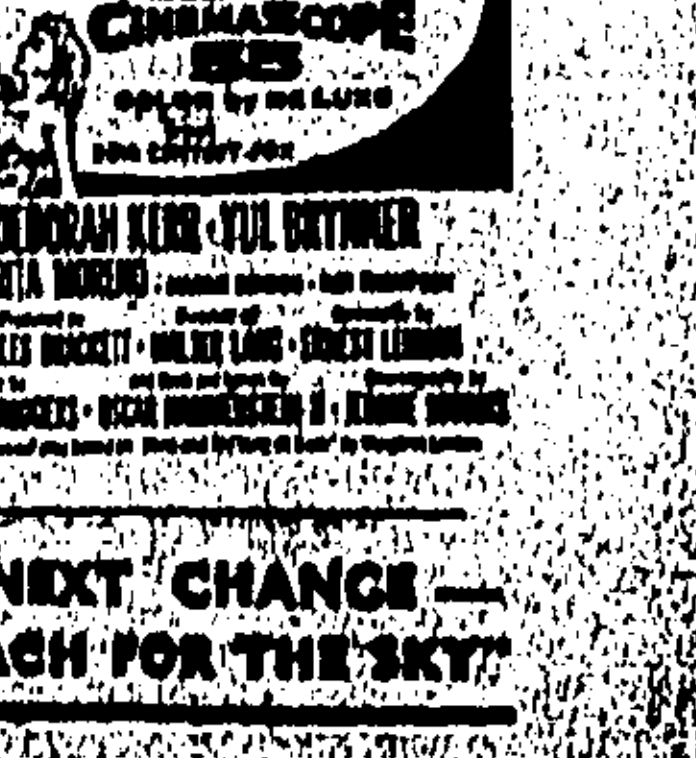
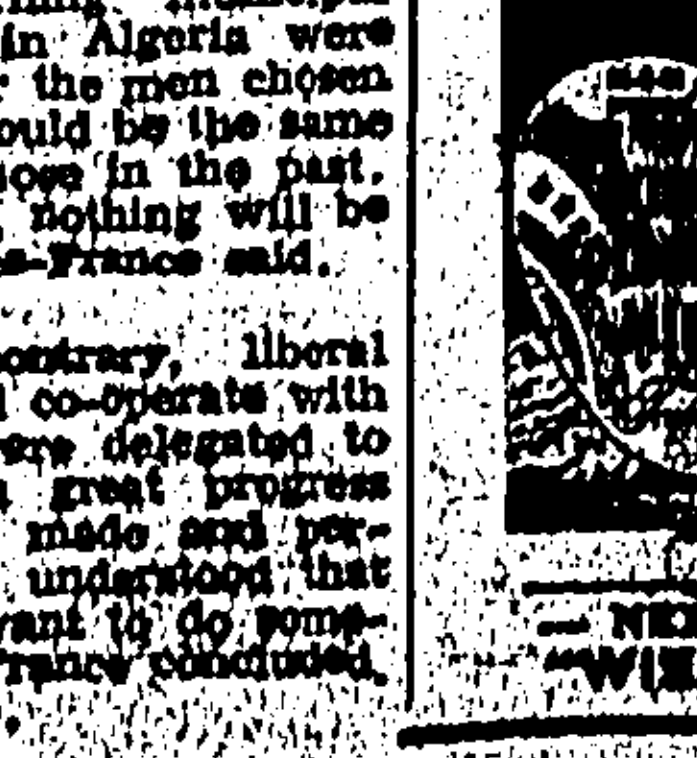
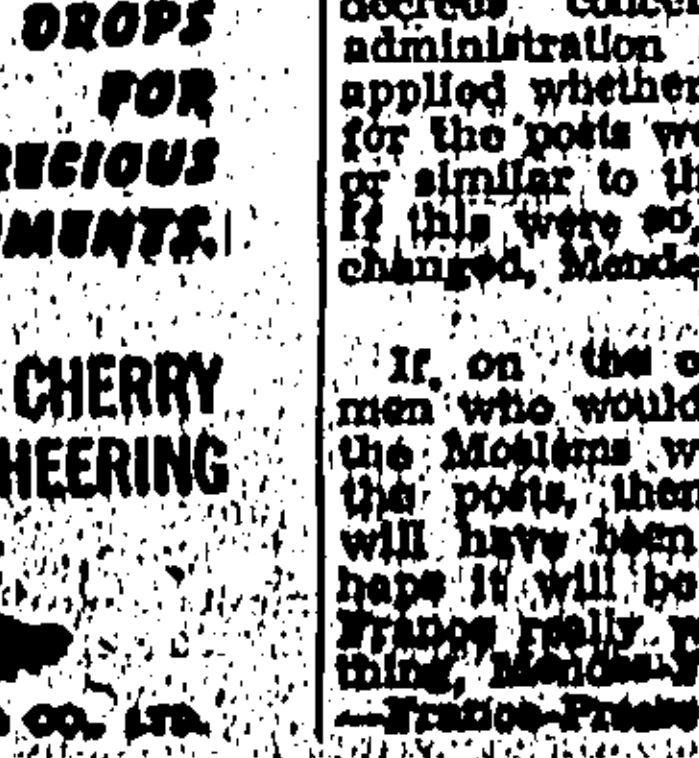
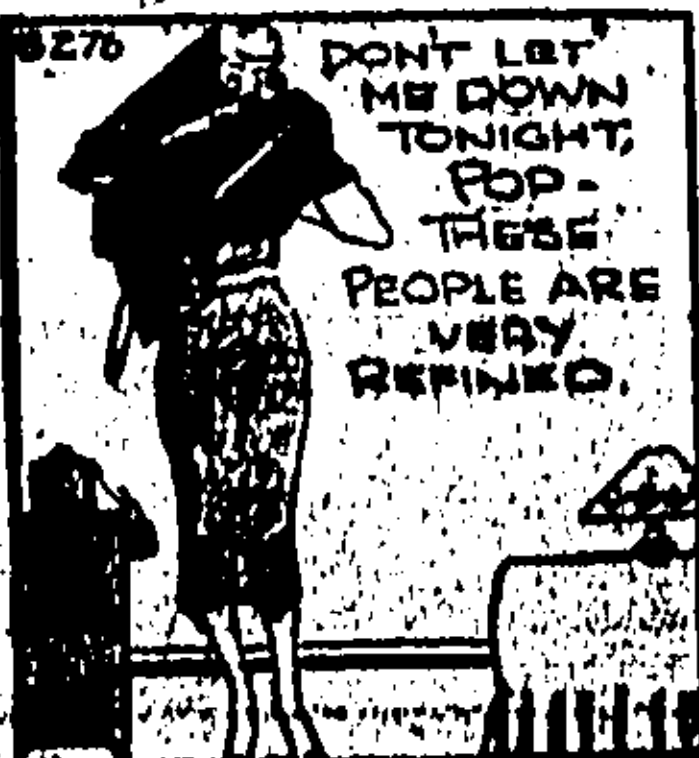
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BY FREDERICK ELLIS

THERE was a time not far back when a British girl embarking on a career in ballet was advised to adopt a foreign, particularly Russian, sounding name.

British conductors and composers and artists could starve in garrets—while London audiences flocked to soak in overseas culture.

Now, with the rest of Britain, I am horrified by the butchery and savagery carried out in Hungary.

And the nation's sympathy is routed for those who suffered in the bloodbath of Budapest. With the rich generosity for which Britain is renowned in such times of adversity offers of help and succour pour in.

Particularly for the children. Homes are offered for the Hungarian orphans. Money pour

into the Lord Mayor of London's appeal.

I felt a warmth about the swift reaction of the British people to the toll of disaster.

Then I remembered standing outside South Wimbledon underground station in July, trying to sell flags to raise money for research into mental illness. In two hours a miserable 17s. 11d. clattered into my tin. And nine out of 10 rushed by, heads well down.

And those who gave were mainly on the wrong side of 45. That day in London we raised £10,000—so to be used to find out why half the hospital beds in Britain are filled by sufferers from mental illness.

Then I remembered the wealthy residents of the lush Coombe Hill district of Malden, Surrey.

## BANNED

THERE was a plan to take 80 mentally handicapped kids out of dingy church halls without playgrounds into a spacious old house standing unused on Coombe Hill.

The parents' hopes were raised. At their children at last would get a better chance in this grim world.

But the residents of Coombe Hill rose up in arms—and the children, British children, were banned from the slopes of the green hill.

And these kids, were condemned back to the unwholesome conditions that they had suffered for the past eight years for their limited training.

I recall that a Northern council condemned a building as unfit for normal children. And offered it to these real life Peter Pans as a training centre.

## MOVING

I RECALL the moving series of articles in the Daily Express by Mervyn Wynn about Britain's mental hospitals. They did not make very happy reading.

I mention these problems in Britain because I have an intimate understanding of them. But there are many other similar problems.

There are the old-age pensioners, many living near and below the breadline.

I feel perhaps it takes bombs and blood to stir the conscience of the British people. Or is it just that the sadness and distress that lies round the corner is unheard of by the neighbours?

That rising above that sadness and distress is a more peculiarly British characteristic pride? That the British would rather suffer than appeal for charity?

## BLACKMAIL

FOR those of us who work in a charitable field—and despite the Welfare State the need for charity is no less than it was—and the going harder every year.

Once charity was a gift—a spontaneous gift. A blessing that those who were better off made to those who did not fare so well.

Now wealth has been redistributed among the many. But the charitable instinct did not go with it.

Now you must blackmail people into giving, backed up with high-powered appeals departments, run by highly paid appeals officers.

You must sell people Christmas stickers they do not want, but are ashamed to refuse.

You must sell them Christmas cards they would rather buy at a store. You must hold charity balls at lush hotels, sponsored by titled folk. And sell the tickets by blackmail methods.

And you must sell Christmas draw tickets that no one wants.

## A RACKET

CHARITY at home has become a racket. A highly organised racket. And we all hate it.

But no one hates it more than those of us who have to indulge in the racket as the only way to raise the charity wind.

Y. S. throughout the land sweeps a forest of burning hot charity for those who have suffered in a distant land.

Rightly did St Paul extol Faith, Hope, and Charity. And declare that the greatest of these is charity.

And may I add, as I rejoice that succour is swiftly flowing to the Hungarians in their hour of need, that charity should begin at home?

## POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Ike's fixed my Anglo-American relationship for keeps if petrol shortage means goodbye Cadillacs."

Want to spend a holiday in Peking? ... Shanghai? ... Canton? ... Nothing doing—unless you are invited ... Normal sightseeing travellers are not permitted ... Why not? ... You can't get a clear-cut explanation from anyone ... But Robin Hutcheon, who was in Canton last week to report on an export exhibition, attempts to provide an answer in this first-hand glimpse of the largest city in Southern China.

## COMMUNIST CHINA BARS TOURISTS

TOURISTS, as such, are not admitted to China.

There are exceptions perhaps, but generally you are invited by the Government through one of its many organisations.

Businessmen, journalists, MPs and experts in some particular field generally have no trouble getting in now.

But if I wanted to spend my holidays in Peking or go touring around the country with no other pretext than to see the sights I would not be admitted.

It is difficult getting clear-cut answers from Chinese officials on this question but this is the impression I formed after talking to a senior official of the Chinese Travel Service, which is responsible for all internal travel arrangements and hotel accommodation.

## Hesitant reply

WHY are "tourists" not admitted?

The reply to this question was hesitant. He said: "The tourist may come for some other purpose than touring." But after a short visit to Canton last week I cannot believe that fear of spies is the only or even the main reason why China is closed to holiday-makers.

On my first day in Canton, a colleague and I were called into the local Foreign Affairs Department and asked to explain our reasons for visiting the city. We said, as we had earlier stated in a letter to the Secretary of the Export Commodities Exhibition, that we wanted to report on the Exhibition, also to see the sights of Canton. But that was really incidental and if we had time.

Mr Chen, the young, quietly-spoken Foreign Affairs official, replied through an interpreter that we were most welcome to see Canton. He asked which parts of the city we planned to visit. We handed him a tourist map provided by the Exhibition and indicated a few of the recommended landmarks.

"Quite all right," came the reply. We needed a reporters' certificate for our work which should have been issued in Peking, but since we did not know of this requirement, the Canton Foreign Affairs Office provided temporary ones. We never had to use them once.

## Perfect host

WE had an English-speaking escort, Mr Y. H. Yuan, to accompany us wherever we wanted to go, but he was intended chiefly as a guide at the Exhibition.

He was a perfect host and a genial companion. When he found that Beatrice Greaves of the "South China Morning Post" spoke Cantonese fluently and he left us to do shopping and sightseeing on our own.

Besides he was busy with other British and European visitors at the Exhibition. We

were told we could take photographs in the city, but neither of us had a camera.

We travelled all over the city by pedicab and bus. People everywhere were extremely courteous and helpful. Many mistook us for "Rusties" or "So Luen Yan" (Soviet people), but those who knew we were "Ying Kwok" (British) treated us with the same courtesy and politeness that I have experienced throughout my life in China.

There were poster cartoons in Canton lampooning Eden over the Anglo-British invasion of the Suez Canal and others suggesting that the Chinese people would go to the help of the Egyptians if necessary, but I never saw a hostile glance throughout my stay.

Still, China does not want tourists. It could be one good way of earning foreign currency, which is said to be badly needed. The exchange rate is buying is HK\$100 to JMF\$40.00, and it is expensive for a foreigner to live in Canton.

The official fear of spies entering the country in the guise of tourists may be valid, but I do not believe that suspicion alone is the reason for this barrier.

The authorities may feel that an influx of free-spending, pleasure-bent holiday-makers would be bad for the morale of the people, but live by our standards austere and dress simply in blue denim.

## By ROBIN HUTCHEON

There is possibly another reason which I do not think has anything to do with the effect tourists may have on the local population, but is concerned with the state the country is in.

Officials stress they are just beginning to reconstruct. This point is always hammered home. You work find us some place to sleep. We have a lot to do.

## Yawning gaps

EVERYWHERE the aim is to get the country into a more ordered and developed state. Yawning gaps between supply and demand have to be bridged—the people's needs and the country's needs vie and five-year plans have to be altered to readjust the lopsided balance. And open door tourism does not figure in any of these priorities.

The Chinese I met in Canton are extremely self-conscious. They apologise for deficiencies and shortcomings. Canton they know is anything but a show place. Shanghai and Peking, yes, but not the southern gateway to China.

And coming from Hongkong, it is drab and poor and dirty despite the official concern for cleanliness.

Canton, however, is the most convenient point of entry for Southeast Asian and European businessmen, and the Exhibition is the central point of interest. Foreign visitors are welcomed to comfortable hotels and adequate restaurants to the Exhibition and the splendid landmarks.

But they miss Canton. The city has a big transport system, a big shopping area, a big entertainment area, a big

private drawing room. Servants were efficient and courteous. Again, no tips. If you gave them any it was returned.

Food is quite good. One central restaurant served European meals which were not exciting, but you would have to have fastidious tastes to complain. Tables were not particularly clean although clean linen napkins were served at every meal.

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either the first or one of the last to be made, at the Exhibition. From the outside it looked a creditable piece of workmanship. Its paint work was well finished; had I been told it was made in England I would have been proud of it.

Trains tend to be slow. The diesels running between Tsimshatsui and Lowu are much faster, but I believe express trains running north to Shanghai and Peking make considerably better speeds.

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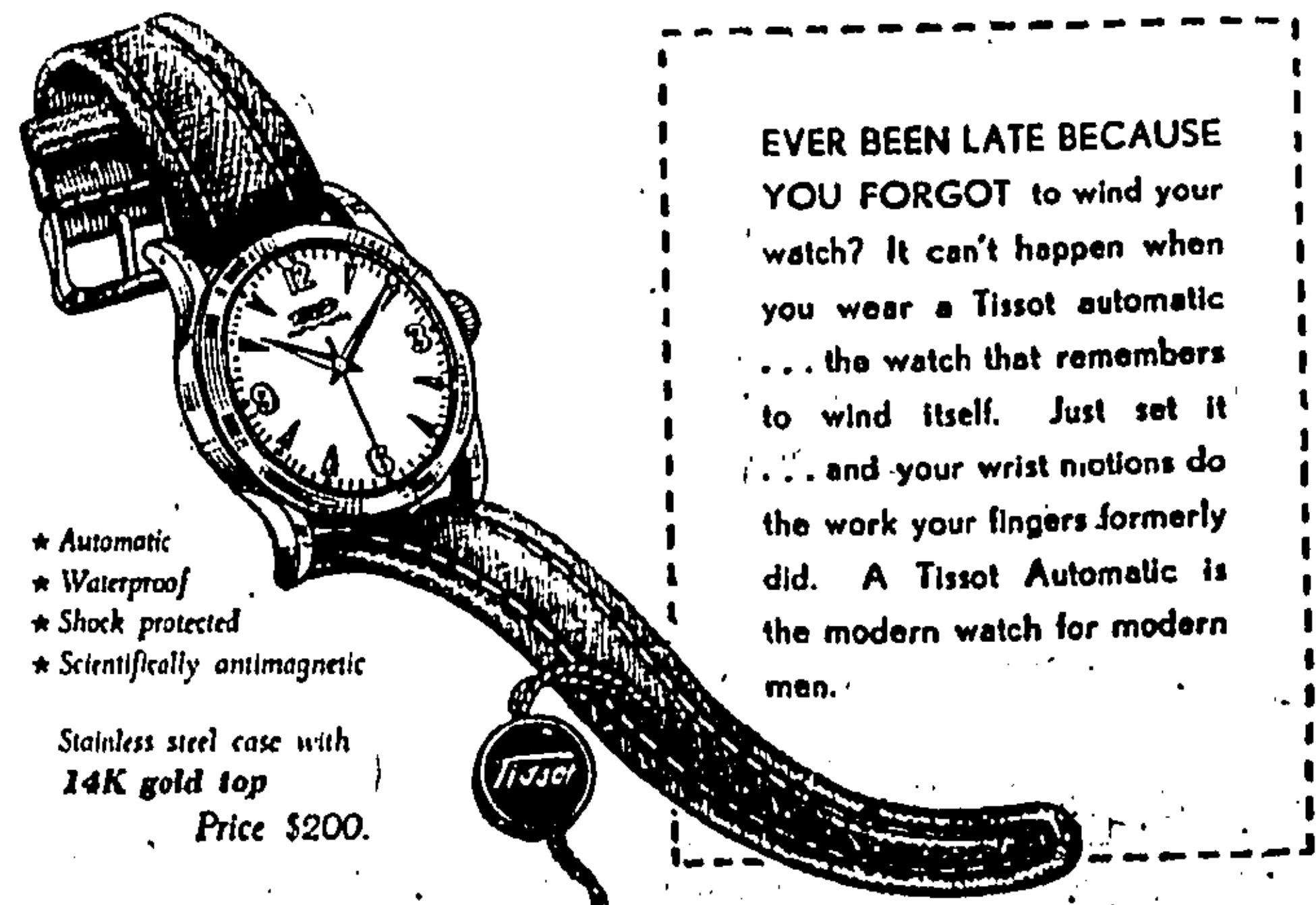
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# KITCHEE WIN BY FOUR GOALS TO NIL AS ARMY'S ATTACK LACKS FINISH

# OFF THE RAILS

Secondly, an absolute "natural" for the Open, which needs two courses for the qualification, is headquarters itself, St. Andrews. No one with any true sensibilities ever travels at St. Andrews except by train, the little journey from Leuchars Junction across Guard Bridge, past the Eden estuary, and along beside the Old course being the most romantic rolling landscape in the world. What is more, there are four clubhouses, including, miraculously, one for women, and all the hotel accommodation is within walking distance of the first tee.

The truth is, of course, that the Open ought to be played at St. Andrews for evermore, like the Cup Final at Wembley. But you are not going to do it already, without starting any more on that line!

## Sports Diary

—◆—  
Frank Worrel

Frank Worrel  
To Tour  
England

for Stirling Rangers in the Wolverhampton League, but it is still the club's leading scorer. In a recent match he got four goals while his five forwards were managing to 'believe'.

## THE GAMBOLS

**DAVIS CUP**  
**Billy Trabert**  
**Announces U.S.**  
**Line-Up**

Thurs South, and Thurs North  
Divisions of the League, and  
the Scottish, Southern and  
Cheshire Leagues—with Hearn  
Wednesday, Ryhl, Wrexham  
Arsenal, Kettering, Workington

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**SATURDAY'S RUGGER**  
**CLUB v. ARMY NORTH WAS THE**  
**BEST AND MOST EXCITING**  
**GAME OF THE YEAR**

outstanding. They had a slight advantage in the scrums, and were superior in the lineouts and loose.


In the lineouts in particular

## MOTORING

## Stirling Moss Wins Nassau Road Race

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## LEAGUE CRICKET

# First Division Race Wide Open, But The Optimists Are In A Very Sound Position

By "RECORDER"

As a result of Army South having been held to a draw by the Indian Recreation Club at Sookunpoo and the Kowloon Cricket Club also being held to a draw by the HKCC Scorpions at Cox's Path on Saturday, the First Division Cricket League race is again very wide open mid-way through the season.

The HKCC Optimists, with two games in hand on Army South and the KCC and only four points behind are, however, in a very sound position. Fair outsiders at this stage are the RAF, who would have been in a better position if they had not faltered against Army North at Sookunpoo on Saturday.

This is how the various teams now stand in the First Division:

Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Army South	9	0	1	2	20
KCC	9	0	1	2	20
Optimists	7	5	0	2	22
RAF	8	4	3	1	17
Craigengower	9	3	3	3	16
Recreio	9	3	3	3	16
Indian	8	3	3	2	14
Army North	8	3	3	2	14
Scorpions	8	1	4	3	7
Police	9	1	7	1	6
Royal Navy	8	0	7	1	1

Army South looked in a very unsound position against the Indian Recreation Club on the latter's ground at Sookunpoo when they were dismissed for 111.

## SUBDUED

But a new acquisition to Army South's attack, Pettit, a medium to fast bowler with an occasional offbreak, swinging both ways, subdued the Indians' hitters and even if his four wickets for 34 runs in 15 overs did not include the best IRC scalp, he had the biggest hitters worried and careful about hitting out.

The final result was that IRC were 85 for seven when stumps were drawn and Army South had at least staved a point. The Indians' batting order, was rather a curious one and, in the circumstances, it seemed to me that Abbas, Koh and Raymond could have been more profitably used in positions other than Nos. 7, 9 and 10.

J. C. Koh, who was undoubtedly for six, was rather emphatic about the fact that he does not want to have his name changed to Kohwah. He is satisfied with J. C. Mahmud, which I understand is also quite correct.

Army South had first use of the wicket and their new opening bat, Gordon, was the first to go with the scoreboard showing 11 when he was leg before to Carl Myatt. One consolation was that all these 11 runs were his.

Bedson and Howard-Dobson were difficult to separate, the latter going at 52 when he was bowled by Tony Myatt after having contributed 18. Bedson went at 70 when he was caught by wicketkeeper Lachandani off S. H. Khan after having scored 27.

## QUITE COSTLY

Gary Crook played with Tidey to 81 when he was bowled by Tony Myatt, whose short balls were, in the meantime, proving quite costly, especially when Tidey was dealing with these.

Tidey scored a quick 25 when he was fifth to go at 88, caught by Raymond off Tony Myatt at square leg. When Ashcroft went at 100 as Carl Myatt's second victim of the afternoon, the situation for Army South looked most unhappy. Even Henry Bedson did not look very optimistic. The remaining four wickets put on 11 runs, Watson being responsible for eight of these.

Carl Myatt finished with five wickets for 37 runs in 17 overs and Tony Myatt with four for 38 in 14 overs.

The Indians lost Minu with two runs on the board and Ram-jin with 12. As young Ram Lachandani, who later admitted that he wasn't as yet a first class batsman, kept his end up, Khan went at 27 and Ebert at the

same score.

There wasn't yet too much to worry about as the Indians were playing on a new policy of the first shall be last and the last first as far as their batting order was concerned.

Then Carl Myatt went at 35 and the situation began to look most unsound, except that neither Ashcroft nor Crook seemed to be able to get anything out of the wicket.

The situation took a grimmer turn when Lachandani went at 31, after having contributed 17, being caught at first slip by Watson off Crook. He had earlier had his wicket spreadeagled by a no ball, but I will agree that the umpire's "no ball" call was on the ferocious side.

However, S. H. Khan and A. R. (more affectionately known as "Baby") Abbas were together for the seventh wicket and there were Jayce Koh and Raymond to come in. If it wasn't for Pettit there was every chance that the shaggers would set to work.

But the shaggers were also fairly good judges of what to do against the IRC batsmen. They finally let Pettit who bowled unchanged at one end. In fact, I can inform Pettit that the IRC batsmen held his stuff in very high regard.

Khan and Abbas stayed together to 69, when the former was finally let before to Pettit after having contributed a personal 21. Abbas and Koh played out time.

There was later some comment on the fact that it wasn't very sporting of the IRC batsmen to let out but my point of view is that even if a team hasn't a chance to win the League Championship, they still owe it to teams which have this chance to take a draw if they can't take away all four points.

Howard-Dobson could have put himself on much earlier and experimenting with Henry Bedson's donkey drops for two overs was a waste of time.

But whatever happened to Padre Williams' hit batting adventure is down to 52 and there is some argument whether it should not have been down to 46 as he was leg before twice, though the umpire didn't think so the first time.

## OTHER MATCHES

At Cox's Path, the HKCC Scorpions scored 156 for nine against the KCC, Leach contributing 27 and Pearce 30 and the tail also wagging for quite some time. KCC made a bold effort to get the necessary runs for victory but were eight short with four wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. To KCC's 149 for six, Phil Wood contributed 46 and Frank Findlay 42.

In the other match at Sookunpoo, RAF's Ovid McGowan from British Guiana had a field day with 40 against Army North and the Airman at one stage were in the excellent position of having 104 runs on the board with only four wickets down.

But a little known bowler called Houghton was also having a field day and, having dismissed McGowan, he played skilfully with the tail, finishing up with six for 24, the RAF being all out for 123.

Army North, despite having to face such excellent wicket-

takers as Birley, Henderson and Johnson, were in a fighting mood and Gibson was good for 23, Wise for 41 and Greenhalgh for 29. The result was that they won by four wickets.

At Happy Valley, Craigengower were good for 123 and dismissed the Police for 92. Ragl helped himself to 52 and English to 63.

At King's Park, Recreio dismissed the Navy for 42 as "Spotty" Pereira took five for 13 and lost four wickets in scoring 49.

## Pascual Perez In Non-Title Bout On Wed.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 9.

The World Flyweight Champion, Pascual Perez, of Argentina, will fight a Chilean, Conrado Morcya, here next Wednesday night in a ten-round, non-title bout.

This will be Perez' first appearance in Argentine rings in many months. Morcya is second in the Chilean ranking of flyweights. They were supposed to meet in November, but Perez suffered an elbow injury during training and the fight was postponed.

Perez' next defence of his title will be against the Spaniard, Young Martin, early in 1957. Perez' manager, Lazaro Kocel, sent his terms to Martin's manager, in Spain and said he was expecting an answer within a week, setting the exact date. —United Press.

## European Swim Record

La Louviere, Belgium, Dec. 9.

The Dutch swimming star, Mary Kok, tonight bettered the women's 200-metre butterfly stroke European record in 2:47.7.

The former record was held by a German swimmer with 2:48.8. —United Press.

## Auxiliary Fire Service Orders

No. 46. Orders by Mr. Allister Drummond, Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service, of December 8, 1956.

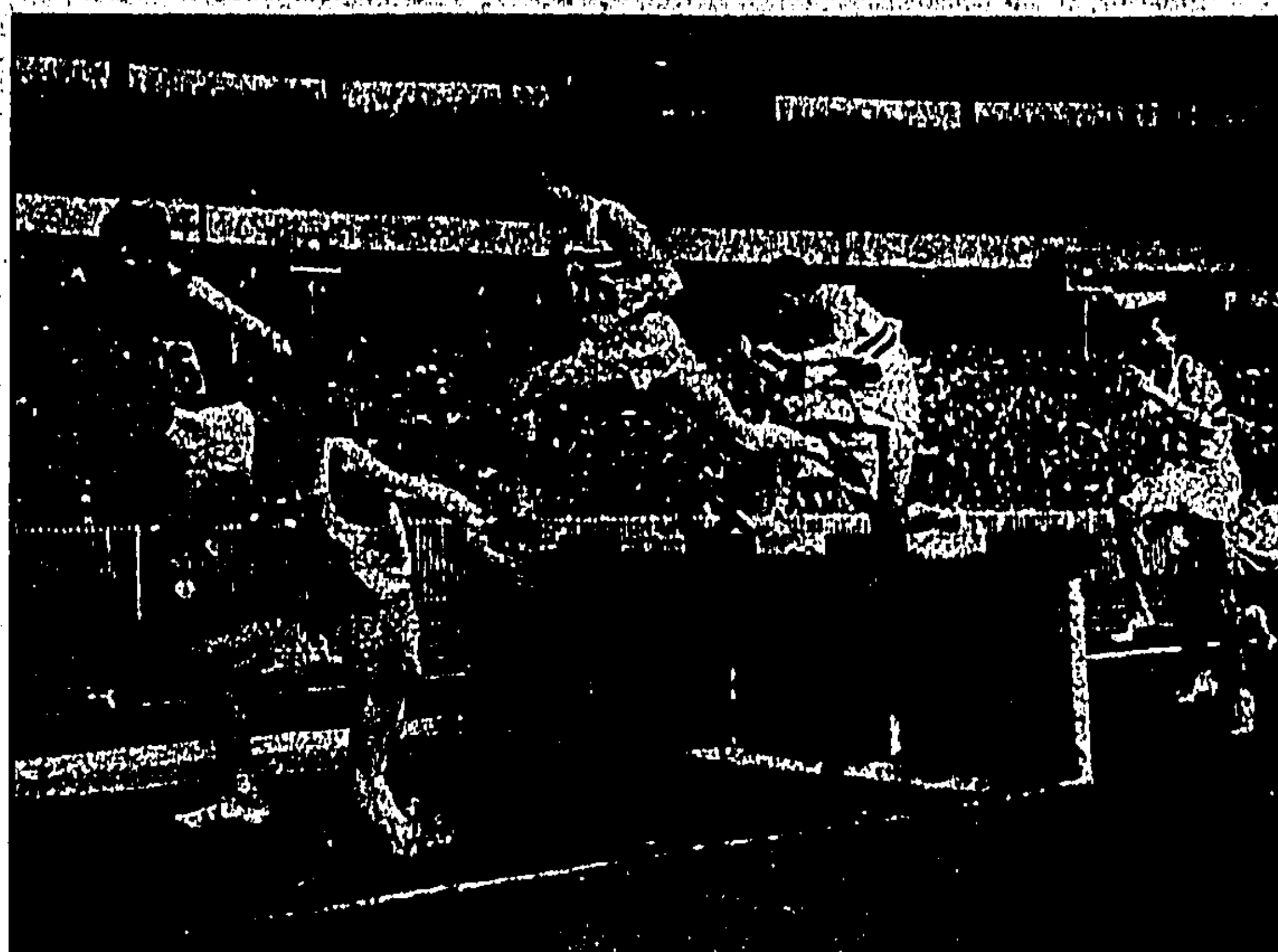
Training Allowance. — Instruction Allowances for the month of October, 1956, are ready for collection during usual training nights until 24.12.56.

Leave—return from—Sick Off (K) J. R. Leitch returned from Overseas leave and resumed duty w.e.f. 7.12.56.

Transfer. — Fr 584 Wu Wai from Platoon No. 116-20(A) of District HK-1 to Platoon No. 16-16(A) of District K-3 w.e.f. 4.12.56. Struck-off Pl. No. 1016(K) Leung Yin w.e.f. 5.12.56.

(Sgd.) PEREZ CHENG, Deputy Supt., A.F.S.

## BRASHER TAKES A WATER JUMP



Britain's Chris Brasher (226), winner of the Olympic 3,000 Metres Steeplechase, is seen taking the water jump the fifth time round. From left to right are Semyon Rzhishchik of Russia (276), Ernst Larsen of Norway (192), Brasher, Sandor Rozsnyoi of Hungary (656), and Eric Shirley of Britain (227). —USIS.

# Georgia's Rory Calhoun Has The Same Style And Success As Marciano

By CORNELIUS RYAN

New York.

Gene Fullmer and Ray Robinson fight for the World Middleweight title this month, but many experts believe that whichever man wins, he simply will hold the title for another year or so until Rory Calhoun is ready to take over.

Calhoun is a 22-year-old slugger from Atlanta, Georgia, who has the same style as Rocky Marciano and just about the same success.

Rory has lost just one fight in 25 professional starts.

"Every punch he threw hurt me," said Spider Webb, the man who beat Calhoun on Aug. 22. "He's by far the toughest I ever fought and he will be a hard man for anybody."

Webb won by outboxing Rory, dodging most of Calhoun's rushes.

"Rory learned something and he's young," said manager Frank Bachman. "We will be back."

Rory is trained by Charley Goldman, who trained Marciano. "Calhoun is the best prospect I've ever had at this stage of the game, and that goes for Marciano," said Goldman. "He is young and he wants to learn."

HEAVILY MUSCLED Calhoun is five feet ten inches tall and heavily muscled, but still very fast. He makes mistakes—he can be hit with a left hook—but he recovers quickly from the punches and awakens in his opponent. His own left-hand punches are authoritative, but his right is the real killer.

Bachman would be willing for Calhoun to meet Fullmer right now.

"Fullmer's style is just made for Rory—he keeps coming in," said Bachman.

Robinson would be more of a problem, and the Calhoun-Robinson winner today probably would be the man who landed the first good punch.

Rory's left hook to the chin might settle it, or Rory's first right-hand bomb to Ray's body might soften and slow Ray for slaughter. A year from now, the experts think, Calhoun will have improved so much, and Robinson slowed so much, it would be easy for Rory.

BORROWED NAME Rory is the seventh of 11 children of a Georgia farmer-minister. His real name is Herman Calhoun, and the ring name "Rory" was borrowed from the movie actor. He began to box in the Atlanta YMCA, and after winning a title there, eventually came to New York.

He worked on a Connecticut farm, and boxed in the New York City Police Athletic League as an amateur. He was impressive enough there that PAL leaders suggested he turn pro, and entrusted him to Bachman, whose reputation as a trainer was well known.

Bachman has brought Rory along carefully, giving him a job in his printing plant in the early days, and Goldman has worked hard in the gym with the youngster.

"He's a year away from the championship," said Bachman, "but he will get it."

The World Light-heavyweight Boxing Championship, which has been outside the U.S. almost as much as inside, probably will take another trip across the Atlantic Ocean when it next changes hands.

Of the top ten men in the division, in Ring Magazine rankings, eight are not Americans.

## THE BEST BET

Germany would seem to be the best bet to take the title, since Gerhard Hecht is rated No. 1 challenger, Hans Streiz No. 2 and Willi Hoepner No. 7. Willi Besmanoff, another German, is rated sixth, but he has grown into a heavyweight. Yolande Pompey of Trinidad is No. 3, Gordon Wallace of Canada No. 8, Charles Collin of France No. 9 and Dogomar Martinez of Uruguay No. 10. The only two from the U.S. are Chuck Spencer at No. 4 and Tony Anthony at No. 5. Both, incidentally, were on the U.S. 1952 Olympic boxing squad.

The light-heavyweight title may not stay long in America. Moore then would be asked to defend his title soon, and the valuable Archie, who claims he won't be 40 until next month and whose mother says he is 43 now, might have to weaken himself to make the weight, and he also may show effects of the beatings by Rocky Marciano and Patterson. If so, any of the aggressive younger men could beat him.

The International Boxing Club, looking ahead, wants to keep the light-heavyweight division active and so brought Hoepner and Besmanoff to America. It wants to match the Spelber-Hoepner winner with Streiz, or with the winner of a Tony Anthony-Gordon Wallace fight.

Should the title leave America, the new champion would be the eighth to take it outside the U.S., as far as nativity is concerned. The division was founded in 1903, and the champions have included Bob Fitzsimmons of England, Georges Carpentier of France, Bakling Siki of Africa, Mike McTigue of Ireland, Jack Delany of Canada, Anton Christoforidis of Greece, and Freddie Mills of England. Fitz, Siki, McTigue, Delaney and Christoforidis all lived, and fought in the U.S., rather than returning to their native lands. Mills, on the other hand, never fought in America, and boxed outside England only once, when he went to Johannesburg to KO Johnny Ralph.

For most of the champions the light-heavyweight crown was simply a step along the path to

## HOW IRONIC

Charlton, bottom of Division One, have just ended a frantic search by signing John Summers of Millwall. Yet the centre-forward, they let go to Newport on a free transfer, local-born Pat Terry, is leading the Welsh County side to their strongest-ever promotion bid. He has just scored a far, far valuable goal, they would have been so charmed.

# Motor Racing Is One Of America's Most Active And Provincial Sports

New York.

Motor racing long has been one of America's most active and most provincial sports—provincial in the sense that it has had almost no international flavour, and sought none.

There is no road-racing in the European style, over regular highways as in the Mille Miglia. Late this year the first major stock car road race in U.S. history was run at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, but this was over a special four-mile course built for this purpose.

Nor is there any racing by factory teams. The competition, among Ferrari, Mercedes, Lancia, Maserati and others, gave the sports fan a clear peg on which to hang his interest. In what is known as "big-car" racing in the U.S. (specially-built cars for the closed-circuit tracks) there are no recognizable makes of cars. Each is a "special", built by its owner of parts from many manufacturers.

These cars are designed solely for the U.S. tracks, with their counterclockwise racing, and their springing, their tyres and their weight distribution is arranged with this in mind. When Italy wanted to send a car to the 1950 Indianapolis 500-mile race, it began to build in 1953 and used a Ferrari engine, built at the OSCA factory, and mounted in an American chassis. None of the Ferraris which so dominated the 1950 Mille Miglia were suitable for Indianapolis.

## MOST POPULAR FORM

Perhaps the most popular form of racing in the U.S. now is stock-car racing. In this regulation model stock cars are used for closed-circuit races. Here of course the factory names are prominent, but the cars still are privately-owned, not factory-sponsored.

There also is midget racing on quarter-mile ovals. None of the great European sports cars may be entered in the stock-car races, simply because they are not regulation stock-cars—they are sports cars.

Newest of the branches of racing is the sports car event, but the lack of open road racing hampers its growth. For a few years there were sports car races on the big air bases, but the military finally curtailed this.

Thus there have been no events—except the annual Sebring race to notice such as Juan Manuel Fangio, Stirling Moss, Eugenio Castellotti, Jean Behra, Marquis de Portago and other international cracks to U.S. tracks. And Sebring, running its one race per year, doesn't get the press attention it deserves. It's doubtful if one of 100 average U.S. sports fans could identify Fangio, despite the times he has been world champion.

U.S. officials have concluded an agreement with Italy's Monza track to send teams to each other's races each year, but it remains to be seen if the necessary sponsors will come forward to finance America's most ambitious step toward international racing.—United Press.

## Times Have Changed

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## Scientists Find New Uses For Sisal

THE sisal plant, which is the source of one of the traditional hard fibres used in ropemaking, is yielding new products for the world as a result of research. Kenya, which has a long-established sisal industry, is pioneering some of this work.

One line offering promise of a bright future is research into extraction of the compound hecogenin which is among the best raw materials for synthesising cortisone and other new and expensive drugs related to it.

The initial research and development work was carried out by the British Medical Research Council in collaboration with the East African Industrial Research Board.

Later, with the financial backing of the British National Research Development Corporation, a small-scale plant for the commercial production of hecogenin was set up on a sisal estate at Ruiru, near Nairobi. After a valuable period of experimentation the plant was taken over by a leading British pharmaceutical firm to become a part of its large-scale research, development and production programme for the manufacture of "all-British" cortisone.

Three years of experimental work preceded the adoption of hecogenin as a practical commercial product. At first the procedure for extracting hecogenin from sisal was expensive and not economically feasible on a large scale.

However, a major advance came with the discovery that the substance could much more readily and cheaply be obtained not from the solid matter, but from the juice of the sisal leaf. This juice can quite easily be obtained in large quantities from the waste produced in the operation of removing the sisal fibre from the long spiky leaves.

## May Stave Off Old Age

AND now, while work proceeds in East Africa to improve the hecogenin process and to build up its output, research continues in Britain to determine the exact role that cortisone plays in the treatment of disease. It has already been shown that the drug is beneficial in many conditions and it has even been suggested that one day it may play an important part in staving off the effects of old age.

Hecogenin is but one of several potential by-products from sisal which may give a fillip to the Kenya industry. Another that has gone beyond the experimental stage is the extraction of wax. On each sisal leaf is a thin layer of wax, and at an estate near Thika a pilot plant has been developed to produce wax for various types of polish.

It is claimed that this new sisal wax rivals the high-grade carnauba wax produced from a Brazilian palm, which up to the present has been one of the chief ingredients of industrial waxes of hard, durable finish. These two products of sisal research are unique, although Tanganyika is also investigating hecogenin production along similar lines to Kenya and in close collaboration with the Ruiru experiments. There, a full-scale plant has now been started. Success in either will

## Generating Plant For S. Africa

A 60 MW GEC turbo-alternator has recently been delivered for the Wilge power station of the Electricity Supply Commission of South Africa.

Wilge Power Station is some 5,100 ft above sea level in the Kender district of the Transvaal and will supply the power required for the development of the uranium deposits in the Witwatersrand Gold Mines as well as augmenting the supply for gold mining and industrial purposes.

The alternator is air-cooled and was manufactured at the Wilton Works of The General Electric Co. Ltd. while the turbine, which is designed for a steam pressure of 600 lb per sq. in. and 800° F., was built at the Company's Fraser and Neave Engineering Works, India.

## For Carpet Making

AND sisal fibre itself, while mainly used for making marine cordage and agricultural twine, presents scope in other directions, such as carpet-making and in material for upholstery. One Kenya firm is now successfully mixing jute with sisal to produce a cheaper product than one from pure jute.

Such efforts to expand the world market for sisal products and by-products will be of immense benefit to the Kenya plantations which suffered a severe blow when the world price of sisal dropped drastically in 1951 after reaching a record of more than £250 a ton.

Despite the fact that the price has now fallen by over 30 per cent, Kenya's estates have continued to increase their acreage under sisal, until it now stands at 260,000 acres. At the peak in 1951, sisal exports from Kenya reached almost £7,000,000 in value. Today, with the lower price, the annual export value is about £2,000,000 for much the same tonnage.



Collecting cut sisal leaves by trailer on a Kenya estate.—COI Photo.

## Tractamatic Drive In Trucks

Electrically-driven trucks are commonplace today — your milkman probably uses one.

But electric trucks which, as soon as power is cut off, automatically become free-running and regain all the normal ease of pushing, pulling and manoeuvring of hand-trucks represent an entirely new departure.

Recently put on the market in Britain they are the result of the application of a new and revolutionary transmission system known as the "tractamatic drive."

This astonishingly compact device, which is contained in an axle casing a little more than three times the diameter of the actual driving shaft, constitutes at the same time the clutch and

the differential besides being fully reversible.

Basically it consists of two pairs of toothed cylinders normally kept apart by a coiled spring, while one in each pair is permanently fixed on the axle of the wheels and its opposite lying counterpart is coupled to the driving shaft on which it can slide.

## AUTOMATIC

When power is applied to the shaft a driving pin acting on a V-shaped slot forces the sliding toothed cylinder into the fixed one. Engagement is thus automatically effected—and so is disengagement, the drive returning to neutral automatically by the action of the spring as soon as the power is cut off.

But even when fully engaged the drive does not preclude over-riding by either wheel or free-wheeling in either direction. Very sharp corners can thus be negotiated and the steerability obtained is astonishing even in single axle porter trucks, which can be operated by unskilled, elderly or female personnel.

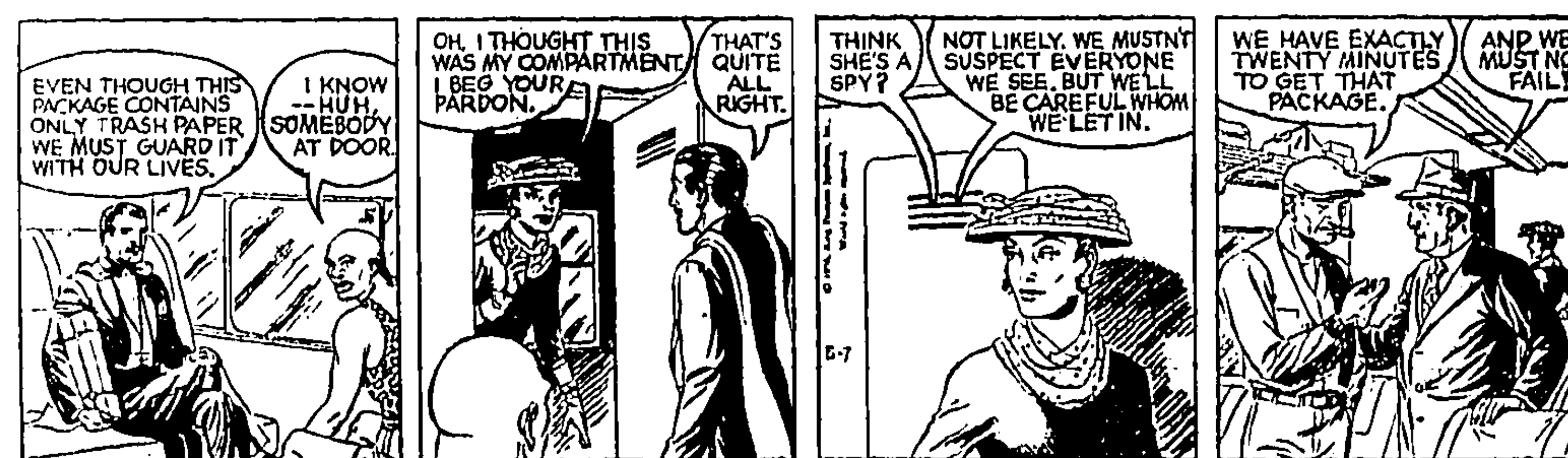
The only controls to be used are a pull-knob for the reverse and a grip lever which switches the power on and off.

The entire unit working in an oil bath requires no maintenance whatever except for periodical checking of the oil level.

There is no doubt that the tractamatic drive will find many applications wherever an inexpensive, compact and positive transmission is desirable.

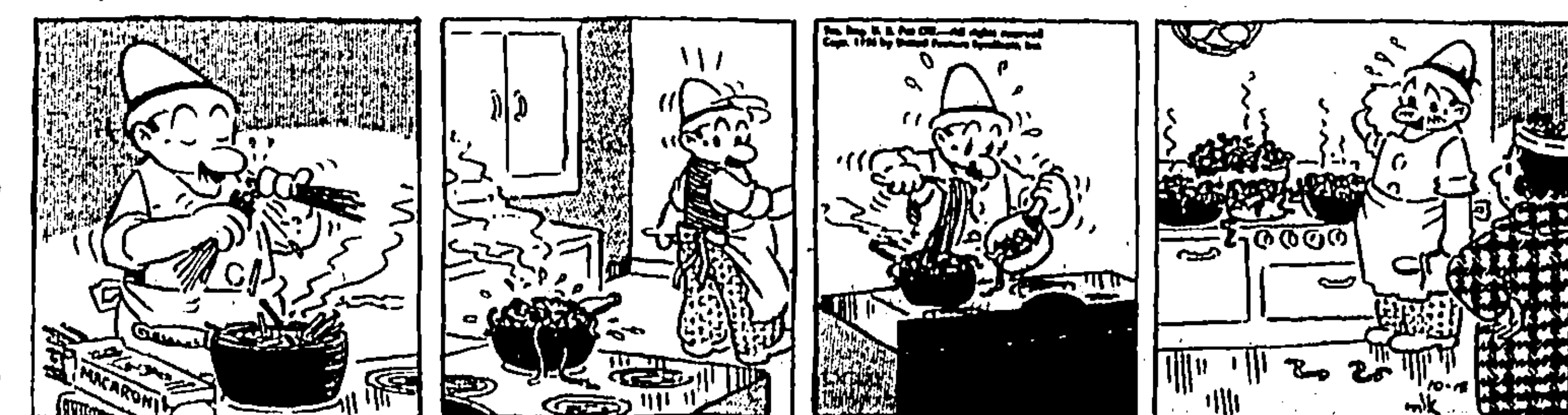
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## Roof Construction For Large Circular Vessels

New service reservoirs, of the type that hold supplies of filtered water for a community's immediate needs, are generally roofed over at the time of their construction to prevent water pollution by airborne impurities.

Older types of reservoir still in use were not covered when built, but present-day conditions make the addition of such protection more-or-less essential.

With traditional methods of roofing, supporting columns rising from the reservoir floor are often necessary, and the reservoir must generally be drained while the roof is built.

Foundations for columns in the deeper reservoirs may also present major difficulties, especially if the ground beneath the floor is at all suspect, and the columns themselves introduce further risk of contamination.

One answer to these problems, for new or old reservoirs, is the self-supporting domed roof—and the aluminium roof is stated to be one of the most economical types.

Two such aluminium reservoir roofs have recently been completed for the Biggleswade Water Board, Bedfordshire, England, by Aluminium Construction Ltd to its own original design. These roofs, which were erected without draining the reservoirs, are shallow spherical domes, each consisting of a grid of box-section ribs located on two series of great circles (that is the centre of curvature of every rib lies at the centre of the sphere of which the dome forms a small part). They are clad with flat 16 Standard Wire Gauge aluminium alloy sheet.

The ends of the ribs meet the circular ring beam, which is set in reinforced concrete, at bearing shoes with screw adjusters.

The main ribs are of hollow section, made by riveting

## Cuban Army Cleaning Up Rebels

Niquero, Cuba, Dec. 9. The Cuban army announced today it killed at least 20 rebels and captured 32 in clashes last night and early today, wiping out about a third of the anti-government force holed up in Eastern Cuba.

Seven rebels had been reported killed in previous fighting, making total anti-government casualties for the week 27 dead.

Cpl Ramon Cruz Vidal said fighting occurred when hungry, thirsty rebels tried to break through the "ring of steel" the army has thrown around their hideout in the mountains south-east of here.

Cruz predicted that Cuba's 10-day-old revolt will end in a matter of hours through the surrender or death of the remaining rebels.

Most of the fighting reported today occurred along the Toro River, near the villages of "Bull's Eye" and "Bull's Mouth", but one rebel was killed and 23 were captured by loyal forces near Guantanamo, 180 miles east of here.

**MOLOTOV COCKTAILS**  
 Three rifles, two shotguns, two pistols and 100 Molotov cocktail incendiary bombs were taken from the captured rebels.

An official report today said other weapons and equipment captured from the rebels in Eastern Cuba included three machineguns, 17 muskets, three rifles, 61 hand grenades and sizable quantities of ammunition.

Two Cadillac and 15 other cars were confiscated from foes of the Government, presumably during early clashes in the eastern provincial capital of Santiago, the report said.

It was not clear whether the rebels encountered at Guantanamo—site of the U.S. Navy's big Cuban base—were struggling from the bands that attacked the city at the outset of the revolt or part of an anti-government "ambitious force."

The rebels encircled in the Niquero region landed on Cuba's southeastern coast a week ago, and there have been unconfirmed reports of a second rebel landing in the vicinity of Guantanamo.

## TWO CLASHES

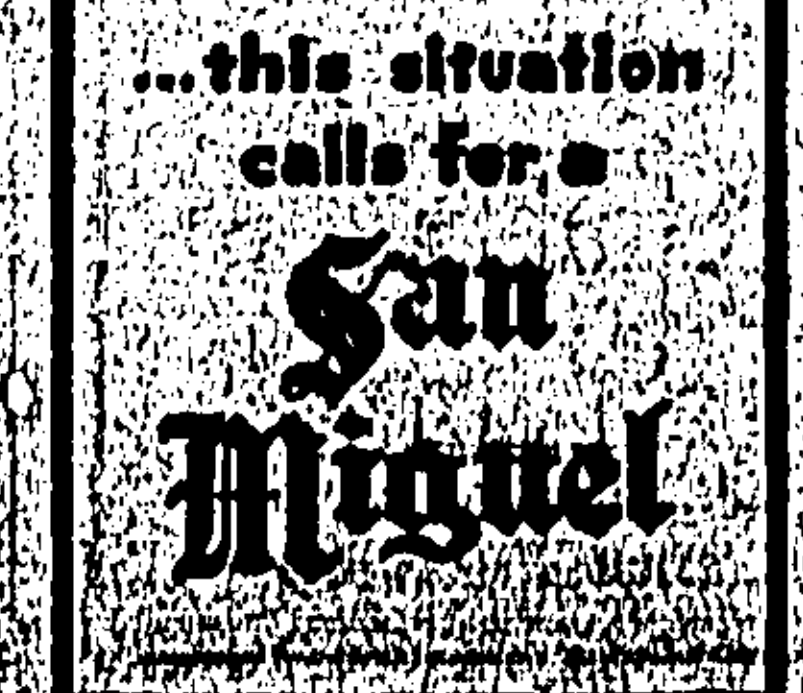
Cruz said 13 rebels were killed late yesterday in two clashes at Ojo del Toro (Bull's Eye) and four late last night in a third fire fight near Boca del Toro (Bull's Mouth).

In each case survivors of the rebel bands reportedly took some wounded back into the mountains, promising to return.

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### From The Depths

IT is more than three years now since Arthur's wife died, but he is only just coming to the surface again from the depths to which her loss sent him.

They lived on the outskirts of Liverpool. He went into the town every day to work as a labourer for the corporation. Their lives were humdrum and unadventurous and rarely touched by anything approaching glamour except a second- or third-hand, but a glamour life, the two of them were content on the whole with their lot.

**RESTLESS**

Then Arthur's wife died, and at once the home he had known became a sort of hell at all. Bricks, mortar, furniture, the scrap of garden, suddenly seemed to have no more meaning or coherence than a job at a jumble sale.

His wife was gone and so it seemed to Arthur, was all peace in life.

He sold the bits and pieces that had made their home, and went into lodgings. And now a fearful restlessness seized him that was born of his loneliness. He threw up his job with the corporation, and got another that offered more pay but less permanence. Permanence meant nothing to Arthur any more.

**THE SNAG**

Arthur switched jobs several times more, and in other ways he changed. He had never been in any sort of trouble in his life, but last year he was caught shoplifting in Liverpool.

A short time ago, when he was a bit switching from job to job like a boy with a grasshopper mind, Arthur ran out of employers.

For a month he was out of work. Then one day he read of jobs going in London. He wrote and posted an application for

over, and his application succeeded.

There was only one snag, but that was a grave one. By the time that he got the letter from London, he no longer had the price of the train fare to take him to the new job.

There seemed to Arthur only one thing to do. He booked a ticket to Runcorn, which is on the London line, and joined a late-night train to the south.

**OVERSLEPT**

When the travelling ticket inspector came round, Arthur jumped into him in the corridor. "I'm sorry," he said, "overslept, only got this ticket to Runcorn."

As the train had stopped at many stations since Runcorn, the ticket inspector was not satisfied, and when he learned that Arthur had no fixed address, his suspicion of fraud was complete. At Euston the police were called and later that morning at the Clerkenwell court, Arthur, a gingerly, middle-aged man, pleaded not guilty to travelling with intent to defraud the railway.

"I was going to pay back the fare when I got my first pay," he said to the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell.

"Why did you say you had overslept?"

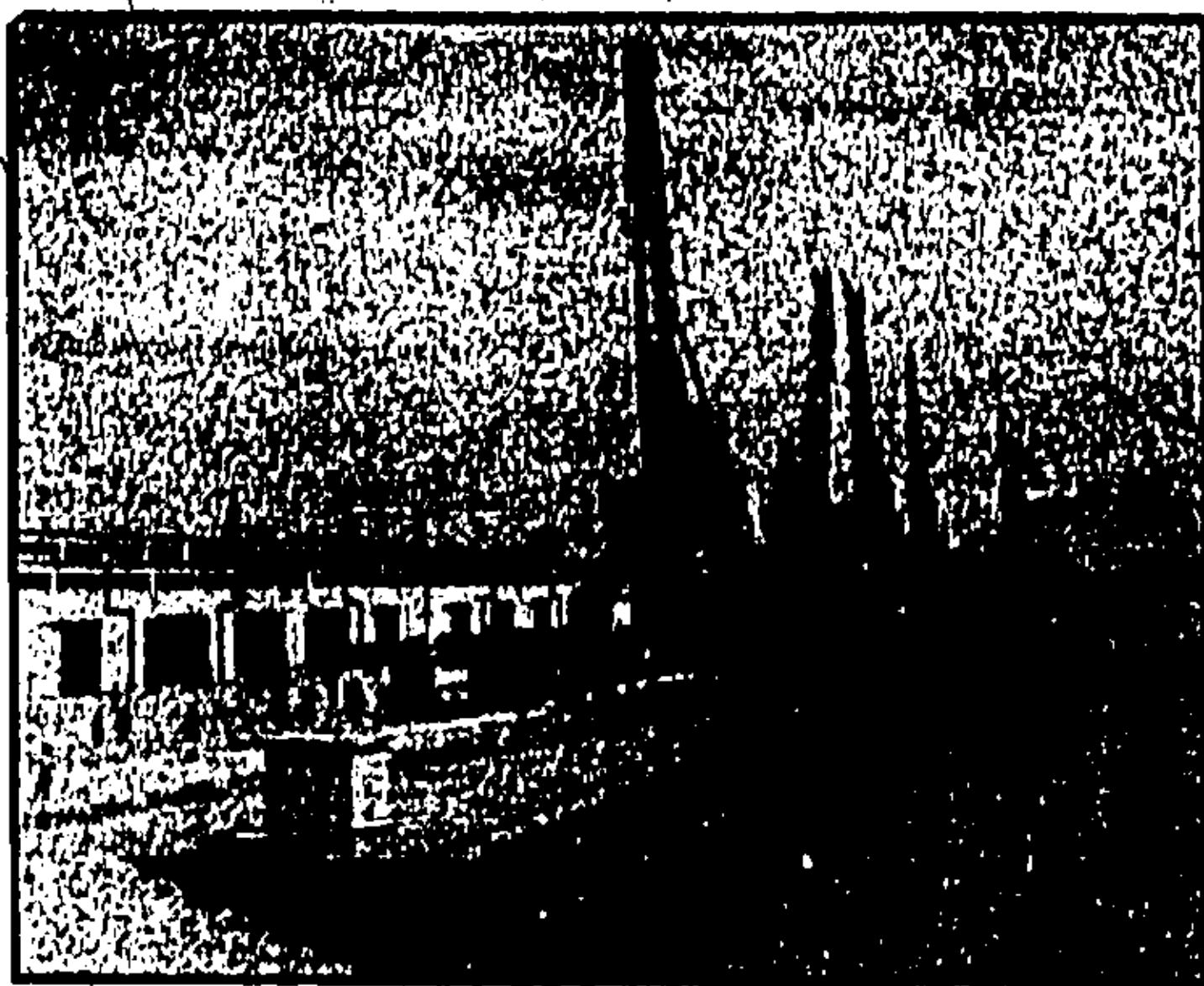
"I must have been flustered," Arthur said.

**TRYING**

The case was found proved. Arthur was sent to talk to a probation officer, who presently reported: "This man does have a better proving he has this job to go to. He tells me that he quite went to pieces when his wife died, and that now he's trying to pull himself together again."

The magistrate turned to Arthur. "I shall discharge you conditionally," he said. Arthur nodded gravely and went away. His step was brisk, and his shoulders braced.

He belonged again, said the manner of his going, to the world of living men.



Four modern cranes on a wharf of China's new harbour.

## China To Open A New Harbour For Ocean-Going Vessels

By VICTOR SU

Tsuen Kong, to be known as China's Great Southern Harbour, about 250 miles west of Hongkong, will be officially opened for China-bound ocean-going vessels on December 25, it was learned in Hongkong today.

This port, which is equipped with up to date facilities for a modern harbour, is reported to be superior to Taku Bar in North China.

Tsuen Kong (Kwang Chow Bay) was formerly a French concession, and was returned to China after the World War II.

About forty years ago, the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen chose this port as the leading harbour in South China. He christened it "Great Southern Harbour" (Nam Fong Dar Kong).

Little was done until 1953 when the Communist Government began preparing a port improvement scheme.

A railway—155 miles long—was built connecting Tsuen Kong with Li Kong. This was linked with the Kwangsi-Hunan railway and indirectly connected with the Canton-Hankow railway and the Hankow-Peking railway. The railway was completed early last year.

The harbour building began in August last year and is not expected to be completed for another few years.

### THE FIRST STAGE

The first of the "three-stage" programme has just been completed. It includes the construction of a large wharf which can take two ships of 10,000 tons each, rows of giant cranes, four large modern godowns, each of which can store 500 railway truck loads of cargo, three open yards which can store up to 10,000 tons each, seven railway lines which will enable goods to be unloaded from ships and reloaded to trains direct, a two-mile long highway in the port district, waiting rooms, rest rooms and canteens for dockers.

Another wharf which will enable three 5,000-ton ships to berth for loading and unloading will be finished shortly.

Workers are being trained to operate modern cranes, electrically-operated cranes and other modern port machinery.

### FAST WORK

Polish vessels have been using this port since May.

According to official reports reaching this Colony, eight cranes operating at the same time can unload 40 tons of cargo in 30 seconds.

The details of the entire project and the time required to complete it have not been disclosed. But on the completion of the entire project the port is expected to be able to handle a total of 4,000,000 tons of cargo a year; and at present it can maintain annually a flow of cargo of 1,000,000 tons.

### Appeal Rejected

An appeal against severity of sentence by a 28-year-old unemployed, convicted and sentenced to nine months for possession of four grammes of heroin, was dismissed by Mr. Justice Gregg in the Appeals Court this morning.

Lau Jip asked the Court to shorten the sentence so that he could join members of his family to help them earn a living.

Appellant who admitted three previous convictions was found guilty of possession of four grammes of heroin outside an address in On Ning Lane, Sheik Kip Mei Village, on September 23, 1955.

### STRONG WIND SIGNAL DOWN

The strong wind signal, which was hoisted at 11.10 p.m. yesterday, was lowered at noon today.

The Royal Observatory reported average winds of 20 to 22 knots had been experienced and a maximum wind force of 40 knots was recorded at 1 a.m. today.

## CLOSING ADDRESSES IN CONSPIRACY TRIAL

Closing addresses by Counsel for the Crown and for the Defence were given before Mr Justice C. W. Reece at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the trial of three women and a man accused of conspiracy to deal in heroin.

The accused are Kun Wel-ching, 37, an unemployed woman; Wong Ching-chu, 37, housewife; Ting Suet-ching, 35, married woman; and Wong Fuy-yah, 45, unemployed. All are natives of North China.

The four accused are charged with conspiring together to deal unlawfully in heroin between July 1, 1956, and September 18, 1956. Second and third accused are also charged with possession of seven pounds and nine ounces of heroin and six pounds and 10 ounces of heroin.

Mr Desmond Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector G. M. Oliphant. The women are defended by Mr Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr J. M. D'Almada Remedios, of D'Almada Remedios and Co.

### SIMPLE EVIDENCE

In his address to the all-male jury, Mr Mayne said he thought the evidence was simple enough. The thing for the jurors to remember, he said, was to use their common sense when they came to a decision.

Crown Counsel said he knew the members of the jury would feel sympathetically inclined towards the three unfortunate women, who had had to go through the ordeal of cross-examination in the witness box.

But, he said, if the women were guilty of the offence, which was indeed a serious one — then the jury must not let their verdict be swayed by their sympathy.

Mr Mayne said evidence had been given of the quantity of the drug and the way it was packed. He explained the meaning of unlawful possession, saying that any dealing in, or possession of, dangerous drugs, was unlawful unless it was backed by a licence to do so.

The Crown, he said, need not establish ownership of the drugs.

### KEY TO DOOR

The case against first accused was that at the time of the Police raid on No. 1 Liberty Avenue on September 18, she was on the premises, where the drug was found. She had the key to the front door.

The evidence against second accused was that she paid rent. Her story was that although she lived in the place the tenancy did not belong to her.

Third accused, Mr Mayne said, had said that she sold the cabinet produced as an exhibit to her lover for \$200. Crown Counsel pointed out, however, that she kept the key to the cabinet.

### DEFENCE REPLIES

In his address, Mr Bernacchi said the Court was dealing with three unfortunate women. It was true, he said, that dealing in heroin was a very serious offence and such dealings deserved to be punished.

But, Counsel said, whether it was fair to pick on three women, when the "big bird" had flown was a matter of doubt. Know-

ledge alone on the possession or conspiracy charges was not sufficient to warrant a conviction.

In dealing with the conspiracy charge, Mr Bernacchi said one had to look for what the law described as overt acts — acts which lead one to the conclusion that there must be a conspiracy.

The three women whom he represented might very well have remained silent, instead of going to the witness box, he said. It was for the Prosecution to prove guilt and not for the Defence to prove innocence.

Mr Bernacchi told the jury that even if they rejected the evidence of the women the jury must see whether or not the case against them had been proved.

An important feature of the case, he said, was that not one of the women's fingerprints were found in the contents of the cupboard, or on any of the drug or its wrapping in the premises.

Hearing is proceeding.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Lucille is bringing a friend home from school for the holidays — she wants us to refurbish the house!"

## Two Performances Of Vigour And Variety

The two concerts given by the Westminster Choir at the Empiro Theatre on Saturday and Sunday nights delighted large and appreciative audiences with extremely varied and interesting programmes. This choir of some 45 members is only about one-third of its total strength, which must indeed be formidable (as we heard recently on the radio when a recording of the Mozart Requiem was broadcast).

Certain outstanding qualities are immediately apparent. First, the essential oneness of the choir, in which although every individual is a highly trained singer, a versatile musician who may suddenly turn up as a solo singer, violinist, or trumpeter (or even a dancer) in the item, he or she is one of a body co-ordinated with a single spirit.

Secondly, this is a choir of youth — indeed, it is composed of young people trained at the Westminster Choir College attached to Princeton University. It has therefore qualities of strength and vigour, enthusiasm amounting to exuberance, complete self-consciousness and at times great tenderness, but has not yet the mellowness and profundity of mature singers.

Thirdly, the discipline is outstanding, not only in the perfect timing, the immediate response to all changes of mood and tone, but the important external qualities of stance, relaxation, and dignity of manner in acknowledging applause. No music was used; every number was word and note perfect, and there were no wrong entries.

### ANONYMITY

Fourthly, allied to the unanimity of the choir is the quality of personal anonymity; by the end of the two evenings no name of any individual was known to us, only that of the conductor, trainer and leading spirit, Dr. John Finlay Williams. Yet it was striking that though nearly all the solo voices heard were varied in quality, when blended they formed a completely concordant whole.

The two programmes were specially prepared for the good will which this choir is undertaking. They were similar in construction, of amazing diversity, well and carefully chosen.

Each began with a group of ancient sacred music in the quality of personal anonymity; by the end of the two evenings no name of any individual was known to us, only that of the conductor, trainer and leading spirit, Dr. John Finlay Williams. Yet it was striking that though nearly all the solo voices heard were varied in quality, when blended they formed a completely concordant whole.

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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

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### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

By Air  
Peking, Shanghai, Kunning, Hankow, 7 a.m.  
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Formosa, 6 p.m.  
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China, 6 p.m.  
Borneo, 6 p.m.  
Japan, 6 p.m.  
Hawaii, 6 p.m.  
Lao, 6 p.m.

## Gold Smuggling Charge

She Choi, alias She Hung, 38, charged with attempting to import approximately \$60,000 worth of gold, was this morning remanded for three days by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central Magistracy.

The gold, in the form of 40 bars, weighed 230 taels.

She is alleged to have committed the offence on December 8.

Mr J. C. Stewart of J. C. Stewart and Company, represented the defendant. R. C. G. Kerswill appeared for the prosecution.

Defendant was granted bail of \$2,000.

## Radio Hongkong

11.45 p.m. Talking about Teaching (IBCTC). A New series for Teachers and those interested in teaching. Aged and Stages—Eight to Eleven—Standard. Standalone. Musical Moments—Rainbow Rhapody (J. Cowen); 5.55, Stock Market Report; 6.00, Time Signal. Programme Summary; 6.02, Highlights in Variety; 6.30, Classical Requests presented by the BBC; 6.50, Weather Report; 7.00, Time Signal and the News; 7.05, Commentary; 7.15, Melodies and Memories (IBCTC); James Turner and his Orchestra with Frederick Harvey. Dora Gamble with the Musician's Bureau. O'Dowda and BBC Chorus; 7.45, Talking about Books. A Study of George Bernard Shaw's "The Great Game" by Lionel McColvin. Discussed by Alex Harrier. 8.00, Movie Magazine. Edited and Produced by John Wallace; 8.30, Colony Jazz Club. Introduced and Produced by Patricia Smith; 9.00, Time Signal and the News; 9.05, Home News from Britain; 9.15, Katyna Ranieri sings Popular songs from Italy; 9.30, A Concert by Arrigo Pola (Viola), Moya Rao (Piano). Sonata No. 2, D Minor (Chopin); 9.45, The Schumann Op. 121; 10. Interlude for Music (IBCTC). With the Hedley Ward Trio; 10.15, News and the Hour of the Gun (IBCTC). The Good Show (IBCTC). With Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe, and Spike Milligan. Scandal (Repeat of last Saturday's Broadcast); 10.50, Weather Report; 11.00, Time Signal and the News; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

## REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune—Popular Favorites. Musical Moments—Featuring: Buddy, Weed, and the Mill Herts Trio; 3.30, Music by Lopez with the World—Marie Lorraine of the World—Marie Lorraine; 4.15, Tea for Two—Popular Time Tunes; 4.30, Strictly Instrumental with a Tip Up Beat; 5.00, The Corner—Stories of the Kingdom; 5.30, Monday Requiem—Presented by Betty; 5.55, Birthday Mailbox; 6.00, La Musique Française—Presented by Jeanette Perry; 6.30, Another 4-Up Show—Featuring the Tops in Popular Music; 6.45, The House of Peter McCarty—Presented by Peter McCarty; 7.00, Time Signal and the News; 7.05, Weather Report and Announcements; 7.15, A Moment for Melody—With Felix King and his Orchestra; 7.30, Concert Miniature—Light Classical Music; Personality Parade—Tony Martin; 8.15, Cadbury Fry Programme—Featuring the Works of Famous Composers; 8.30, 1 Hour What I Did for the Church—chooses her favourite music; 9.00, Time Signal and the News; 9.15, Salvo March (Repeat of last Saturday's Broadcast); 9.30, The Late Walter Gleason; 9.45, Bourne, Farlane (Chabrier) (played by the Concerto Orchestra); 10.00, Concerto by Louis Fourati; 10.15, Concerto in 2 Minor for Strings and Piano (played by the Late Walter Gleason); 10.30, The Italian Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Neville Martin; 10.45, Music by the Orchestra; 10.50, One Night Stand—Popular Dance Music; 11.00, Melodies and Memories—Featuring the works of the International Society of Music; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

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